

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**CHANGE IN SUBDISTRICTS 2, 3 and 4 COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING TIME**

Norton Sound Subdistricts 2, 3 and 4, the Golovin, Elim and Norton Bay Subdistricts, will reopen to commercial salmon fishing for 48 hours from 6:00 p.m. Friday, August 23 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 25. The Norton Bay Subdistrict fishing time was pushed back one day at the request of the buyer.

Catches during the recent 48-hour fishing periods ending Wednesday evening were 406 coho salmon by 7 permit holders in Golovin, 870 coho salmon by 18 permit holders in Elim, and 333 coho salmon by 6 permit holders in Norton Bay. Catches were average for this date.

The department will begin peak aerial survey escapement assessment of coho salmon in the coming week and as always this will be dependent on weather. Depending on escapement assessments and commercial catch averages in northern Norton Sound there may or may not be additional fishing time in Golovin and Elim Subdistricts next week.

Here are the cumulative coho salmon escapement counts in Norton Sound:

Unalakleet River: 25,000  
North River: 6,000  
Shaktoolik River: 15,000  
Kwiniuk River: 2,700  
Solomon River: 130  
Nome River: 860  
Snake River: 325  
Pilgrim River: 70